



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: John G. CARMAN Confirmation No.: 8954
Application No.: 10/772,243 Group Art Unit: 1638
Filing Date: February 6, 2004 Examiner: Keith O'Neal Robinson
For: METHODS FOR STABILIZING AND *New Attorney Doc. No.: 15740.005*
CONTROLLING APOMIXIS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on March 22, 2006, Applicant submits a Request for Continued Examination and requests that the following amendments and comments be entered into the file of this application before examination thereof. A petition to extend the time for responding by three months to, and including, September 22, 2006, with fee authorization, is submitted herewith.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 7 of this paper.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with the amendments made herein. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Fennemore Craig, PC Deposit Account No. **060590**.